Retirement scheme/closure of the enterprises. This scheme has been introduced from the year 2001-02. The salient features of the Scheme are:

Scheme aims at redeployment/self-employment of the rationalized employees through short duration training programmes.

It provides opportunity to the employees to engage themselves in income generating activities on self employment basis and rejoin the productive process.

Training is imparted through reputed training agencies of the country.

Government provides fund for this purpose.

(c) and (d) 2 central PSUs *viz.* Reyrolle Burn Ltd. (RBL) and National Industrial Development Corporation of India Ltd. (NIDC) under this Ministry are likely to be closed down/wound up as Government has decided to take action for their closure. Besides, BIFR has recommended for winding up of Bharat Brakes and Valves Ltd. (BBVL). All the employees of RBL and BBVL have left the organizations and in case of NIDC, where 117 employees are there, Voluntary Retirement Scheme has been introduced. The restructured employees under the broad guidelines of the CRR Scheme can avail of the benefits for their effective rehabilitation in the economic activities/trades of their choice on self employment basis.

Establishment of Heavy Industries in Bihar

2720. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the Growth Pole and Growth Centre concepts heavy industries were established in the Jharkhand area of then Bihar during 1950s;

(b) the plants to establish new heavy industries in the existing Bihar under the Growth Pole and Growth Centre as it is one of the most backward State of the country in respect of per capita income and other socio-economic indicators as Jharkhand has been separated from Bihar now; and

(c) if answer to part (b) be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) The Growth Centre Scheme which is at present being implemented in identified backward areas is meant only to develop infrastructure facilities in these Centres with a view to attract industries there. As far as setting up of heavy industry is concerned, following the delicensing of the non-strategic sector, the initiative for location of industries rests with the promoter. In so far as the Department of Heavy Industry is concerned, there is no proposal at present for setting up any new unit in public sector.

Channels provided by DD Kendra of Bangalore

2721. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of channels presently provided by Doordarshan Kendra, Bangalore;

(b) whether the number of channels from DD Bangalore is proposed to be increased from March, 2003; and

(c) the steps being taken to expand the DD base in Bangalore including its production facility?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Two channels, DD-1 and DD-2, are relayed in terrestrial mode, by DDK, Bangalore, and DD-9 (Kannada Channel) uplinked from DDK, Bangalore is available to viewers in satellite mode.

(b) A digital terrestrial transmitter (DTT), capable of transmitting up to 10 channels, is envisaged to be set up at Bangalore in the Annual Plan, 2002-03.

(c) Doordarshan has proposed digitalization of production facilities at major Kendras including DDK, Bangalore during the 10th Plan.

Resignation of the Chairman of Central Censor Board

2722. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairman of the Central Censor Board has resigned before the completion of his term;